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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. GEORGE LEWIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR EXXON, CALLED AF/E DIRECTOR TO CONVEY SUMMARY OF LYDDON'S MEETING WITH MATHENGE, WHICH LEWIS HAD RECEIVED VIA ESSO AFRICA PRESIDENT ROBINSON, AND TO SEEK EMBASSY'S SUPPORT IN HELP-ING TO ARRANGE FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MOI.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH MOI, ACCORDING LEWIS, WOULD BE TO REVIEW MEETING WITH MATHENGE, ASCERTAIN WHAT PROGRESS RESULTED FROM THAT DISCUSSION AND SEEK DIRECTION FROM MOI AS TO HOW ESSO MIGHT PROCEED FROM THIS POINT IN NORMALIZING ITS RELATIONS AGAIN. LEWIS FURTHER SAID THAT, IN TALKING WITH MOI, LYDDON WOULD NOT SEEK MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA OR REOPEN QUESTION OF SKANE'S REASSIGNMENT TO KENYA.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM AF/E DIRECTOR, LEWIS SAID
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THAT MATHENGE HAD TOLD LYDDON QUESTION OF RETURN OF SKANE WAS OUT OF HIS HANDS, SUCH MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO KENYATTA AND MATHENGE DID NOT THINK IT COULD BE REOPENED. LEWIS ADDED THAT LYDDON WOULD BE PREPARED TO INFORM MOI OF MATHENGE'S NEGATIVE REACTION, STATE THAT HE HAD CONVEYED IT TO TOP ESSO OFFICIALS, WHO FOLLOWING CON-

SULTATIONS WITH DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS , AGREED THAT IT WAS BETTER NOT TO REOPEN ISSUE.

4. IN VIEW ABOVE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ALL FEASIBLE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR LYDDON TO MEET WITH MOI.

5. ACCORDING LEWIS, ESSO WILL SEND INSTRUCTION TO LYDDON TO DELAY HIS TRIP TO MAURITIUS PENDING A TALK WITH CHARGE REGARDING POSSIBLE MEETING WITH MOI. RUSH

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